communications, helping the residents of nearby and adjacent villages; and

(d) if so, the details of the action proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. Two post offices in the hill region of Uttar Pradesh, viz., Nainital H.O. and Tallital SO are covered by the programme of modernisation during the year 1995-96.

(b) Yes, Sir. There are instances of delay to mail in the hill regions and remote interior areas of Uttar Pradesh characterised by difficult terrain and weather, and irregular plying of mailcarrying buses. Seasonally, problem of transport becomes more difficult, causing delay. Mail also suffers delay in some of these regions due to public agitations now and then. Department of post monitors closely the transmission and delivery of mail in such areas and wherever failures are notices, corrective steps are promptly taken.

(c) There is no proposal to upgrade the post office at village Bedgaon in Patti Maniyarsuen(Poorvi) Pauri Garhwal.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

यमुना नदी के दूषित जल के शोधन हेतु धनराशि का आवंटन

562. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार यमुना नदी के दूषित जल के शोधन हेतु कोई धनराशि प्रदान करती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान राज्य-वार कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गई है तथा 1994-95 और 1995-96 के वर्षों के दौरान हरियाणा को विशेष रूप से कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गई है; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार इसके जल को स्वच्छ बनाने के उद्देश्य से दूषित जल के शोधन हेतु हरियाणा को अधिकतम कितनी सहायता राशि प्रदान कर सकती है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) और (ख) जी हां, यमुना नदी के प्रदूषण निवारण के लिए सरकार ने यमुना कार्य योजना नामक स्कीम का अनुमोदन किया है। इस स्कीम की पूंजीगत लागत में केन्द्र सरकार और हरियाणा, उत्तर प्रदेश तथा दिल्ली की राज्य सरकार के बीच बराबर की हिस्सेदार होगी। स्कीम में केन्द्र सरकार के हिस्से के रूप में तीनों राज्यों को अनुदान के रूप में अब तक 28.30 करोड़ रुपये की राशि दी जा चुकी है। दी गई राशि का वर्षवार और राज्यवार ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है (नीचे देखिए)। इस स्कीम के अन्तर्गत हरियाणा सरकार को वर्ष 1994-95 में 1.50 करोड़ रुपये और वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान 3.00 करोड़ रुपये की राशि दी गई।

(ग) यमुना कार्य योजना में हरियाणा में कार्यों की वर्तमान स्वीकृत लागत 113.85 करोड़ रुपये है। इस प्रकार केन्द्र से हरियाणा को प्राप्त अनुदान की राशि 56.93 करोड़ रुपये तक सीमित होगी जो कि संस्वीकृत लागत का 50% है।

विवरण

यमुना कार्य योजना के अन्तर्गत केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा दी गई राशि का राज्यवार और वर्षवार ब्यौरा

(करोड़ रुपये)

राज्य	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	योग
हरियाणा	6.96	1.50	3.00	11.46
उत्तर प्रदेश	8.74	2.35	3.68	14.77
दिल्ली	0.24	–	1.83	2.07
योग	15.94	3.85	8.51	28.30

Telecom Regulatory Authority

563. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three-Member Telecom Regulatory Authority was constituted recently; and

(b) if so, what are its functions and by when it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Bill, 1996 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 27.2.1996 for replacing the Ordinance promulgated by the President on 27.1.96 for constituting the Telecom regulatory Authority of India.

The authority shall consist of a Chairperson, and not less than two, but not exceeding four members, to be appointed by the Central Government.

(b) The functions and responsibilities of the Authority will include the following:

(a) to ensure technical compatibility and effective inter-relationship between different service providers;

(b) revenue sharing arrangement between different service providers;

(c) protection of consumer interest;

(d) national security interest;

(e) lay down and ensure the time period for providing local and long distance circuits of telecommunications between different service providers;

(f) facilitate competition and promote efficiency in the operation of telecommunication services so as to facilitate growth in such services;

(g) to ensure compliance of licence conditions;

(h) fixation of tariffs for telecom service and ensuring price regulation;

(i) to ensure effective compliance of Universal service obligations;

(j) resolution of disputes between service providers;

(k) rendering advice to the Government in the matters relating to the development of telecommunication technology and any other matter relatable to telecommunication industry in general; and

(l) levy fees at such rates and in respect of such services as may be determined by regulations.

The authority is likely to start functioning shortly.

Uttarakhand Agitation

564. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 419 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd May, 1995 and state:

(a) what are the names and other details of persons killed in connection with the Uttarakhand agitation in Haldwani, Karnprayag and other places in 1994 and 1995;

(b) what are the salient features of the judgement delivered by the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court in the matter of firing and rape of women on 2nd and 3rd October, 1994; and

(c) what action has so far been taken against the indicated civil authorities together with details and names of authorities against whom action is being contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) to (c) According to available information, 25 persons lost their lives in connection with the Uttarakhand agitation. The names of 20 such persons have already been given in reply to Starred Question No. 419 in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd May, 1995 referred to in this Question. Also, in reply to the same Question (419), it was mentioned that four persons viz., S/Shri Dharmanand Bhatt, Gopi Chand, Parmajeet Singh and Rampal were reported missing. These persons are also now reported to have lost their lives. In addition, one Shri Ashok Keshav, who had been hospitalised in PGI Chandigarh after the incident, has since expired. One rallyist, Shri Rajesh Negi, R/o. Bhaniyawala, is reported missing from Muzzafarnagar after police action on 2.10.1994. He is still untraceable.

Part (b) of the question perhaps refers to a judgement delivered on 9th February, 1996 by the Allahabad High Court—Uttarakhand Sangharsh Samiti and others Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh. The judgement covers wide-ranging issues such as awarding compensation to the victims of firing and rape, damages and compensation for constitutional wrongs, setting up of Human Rights Commission by the State, examination of certain recommendations of the Law Commission of India on Damages in Applications for Judicial Review and administrative action against officers found guilty during investigation.

In so far as part (c) of the question is concerned, the chargesheets have so far been filed against the following public servants of the Government of Uttar Pradesh: